

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Applicant selectively amends the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
2 a data path output unit to output a packet header ~~for~~ of a packet relating to a message
3 request transaction, the packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the
4 packet header and to further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type
5 field to indicate the packet relates to a message request transaction, and a message group sub-
6 field ~~separate from the format field and separate from the subset of the type field~~ to indicate
7 the packet is associated with one of a plurality of message groups.
- 1 2. (Canceled).
- 2 3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, the packet header further ~~including~~
3 comprising:
4 a message code field to indicate a message type.
- 4 4. (Canceled).

1 5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the message group sub-field is a
2 three-bit sub-field including one bit from [[a]] the type field and two bits from an extended
3 type field.

1 6. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
2 a data path input unit to receive a packet header ~~for~~ of a packet relating to a message
3 request transaction, the packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the
4 packet header and to further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type
5 field to indicate the packet relates to a message request transaction, and a message group sub-
6 field to indicate the packet is associated with one of a plurality of message groups.

1 7. (Canceled).

1 8. (Currently Amended). The apparatus of claim 6, the packet header further ~~including~~
2 comprising:
3 a message code field to indicate a message type.

1 9. (Canceled).

1 10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the message group sub-field is a
2 three-bit sub-field including one bit from [[a]] the type field and two bits from an extended type
3 field.

1 11. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
2 a transmitting device to transmit a packet header ~~for~~ of a packet relating to a message
3 request transaction, the packet header including a format field to indicate the length of the packet
4 header and to further specify whether the packet is to include data, a subset of a type field to
5 indicate the packet relates to a message request transaction, and a message group sub-field to
6 indicate the packet is associated with one of a plurality of message groups; and
7 a receiving device responsive to the transmitting device, the receiving device to receive
8 the packet header.

1 12. (Cancelled).

1 13. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, the packet header further ~~including~~
2 comprising:
3 a message code field to indicate a message type.

1 14. (Cancelled).

1 15. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11, wherein the message group sub-field is a
2 three-bit sub-field including one bit from [[a]] the type field and two bits from an extended
3 type field.

1 16. (New) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein the message type comprises a message type to
2 indicate a correctable error condition.

1 17. (New) The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the message type comprises a message type to
2 indicate a correctable error condition.

1 18. (New) The system of claim 13, wherein the message type comprises a message type to
2 indicate a correctable error condition.